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NET SCHEDULE

Sunday	09:30	147.03	MHzFM	"Sunday Morning 2 Meter Net
	10:00	28.393	(+ or - for QRM) MHzSSB	"10-on-10 Net"
	10:20	3.993	MHzSSB	75 Meter Net
Tuesday	20:00	147.03	MHzFM	CW Practice Net

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

02 Don Gordon -WB3KOJ
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27 Mindy Pollack (XYL N3VLC)
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28 Carl Brown - N3SKK
Betty King (XYL W3PXY)
Tony Simek - N3YNH**
31 Rheba Bock (XYL W3PHC)
*New Member 1999
**Membership Pending

MEMBERSHIP STATS.

162	FULL
16	FAMILY
8	YOUTH
3	HONORARY
4	PENDING
193	

NO, IT'S NOT A MISTAKE
If you happen to hear the call sign W3TKQ on '03 don't think that W3AA has retrogressed. Jim Lear (formerly KB3AIS) has change his call and rejoined PMRC.

HELP PHIL-MONT
Are you planning to join ARRL or renew your corrent membership? Help P.M.R.C. by joining or renewing through the club. Contact Mike Tannenbaum - K2BN for details.ss

"DON'T TAILGATE... WAIT"—for the courtesy!

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think, this is an opportunity to teach the future of the club to maintain the standards we have set during these past 50 years.

I believe these choices will keep Phil-Mont moving in the right direction and not allow it to deteriorate into the slow moving, unmotivated club that it once was.

Don't forget our next big fundraiser is next month. The Phil-Mont AUCTION-FEST! Tell every one you know! It was big last year and will be bigger this year! Clean out the shack! See you all there!

This months big Thank You must go to Gary, N3WPE, who, by the way, makes all of our Phil-Mont membership badges FREE of charge. The B I G T H A N K Y O U is for also taking the time to make the special 50th Anniversary badges for our dinner at Dick Clark's Bandstand. Thank You Gary!

In closing, I would like to say it has brought me great joy and satisfaction to serve you as ydur club President for the past three years. I know that our team has done many things to upgrade and make our club move forward. Please keep it that way, your vote is tremendously important. Also, when you are asked to help our club for a committee or a Public Service event or Field day — do your part as a ham, give just a little back to our hobby.

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price you paid.

6. The concept of using real money, instead of credit or debit, to make a purchase is foreign to you.

5. Cleaning up the dining area means getting the fast food bags out of the back seat of your car.

4. Your reason for not staying in touch with your family is that they do not an have e-mail address.

3. You consider 2nd day air delivery painfully slow.

2. You refer to your dining room table as the flat filing cabinet.

And the Number 1 sign that your had too much of the 90's..

1. You hear most of your jokes via e-mail instead of in person.

(submitted by WB3KOJ)

The PREZ SEZ

I would like to thank the many members who have called me to ask that I run for Phil-Mont office, again. I have been an officer of PMRC now for four straight years, one as Secretary and 3 as your Prez. I feel that the team and I have done everything that we set out to do 3 years ago. We put the club back on track! We have had very good programs at most of our meetings. At least two of our meetings last year had very close to 100 attendees (during the auction and again for the tour of KYW's HDTV site).

We now have all the money going into the bank, thanks to Mike, K2BN, who keeps a very watchful eye on our money. We have a stable, ongoing relationship with the Franklin Institute and thus a continuing home for W3AA. We, once again, participated in Field Day as a club. We have a very nice club picnic, in the summertime and cost to the members is kept reasonable, due to the funds contributed from the raffle.

The BIG news is that we now have our 501(c)(3)! Yes, Phil-Mont is now 100% tax free with the IRS. Dick, W3RM, has details in this month's Blurb. We have our annual Auction-Fest. Our club is now very active in Public Service. We supply a large amount of the Hams for the M.S. 15 City to Shore bike tour which is the biggest public service event in the country today!

In the last 3 years, our leadership team moved the W3QV repeater to its new home with the help of many of our members. It was a great club project. In 3 years our club has gone through many healthy changes.

I hope that you think long and hard before you cast your vote this month. THINK! Don't vote for someone because they are a great person or a nice person on the repeater! In fact, some of the best people and hardest workers are rarely heard on the repeater system at all. Others are very hard workers, but is it fair to have them do all the work on our repeater in addition to the responsibilities of office? The answer is NO! I will take this opportunity to answer the questions that many have been asking me lately. Who would I choose and why?

For President, you have two very fine people running. Both have been in this office before and have done a fine job. That, in my opinion, is a 50/50 choice. I feel, they both would be good choices. So let's move on.. For my pick as Vice President, Len, W3LEN, is an excellent choice and a very hard working Ham. He has taken our membership committee along with Donald, WB3KOJ and has it running like a well tuned machine. Plus, he has the time to spend running the office of Vice- President the way it should.

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UPCOMING

December 1 Director's meeting at WB3KOJ

December 8 General Meeting, Elections

December 5 Brian's Run in West Chester.

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For information call ND3Q at 215-448-1139 or 879-0505 accessible by the handicapped

Registration begins at 6:00 PM
Doors close at 6:30 PM sharp

VE Test Locations

Confirm all information, in advance, with the contact person. Licensed applicants must bring the original, and one photocopy of their license. All applicants, including children, must show two other types of ID. Also bring the original, and a copy, of any Certificate of Successful Completion needed to prove current status. The ARRL VEC's 1999 test fee is $6.45; there is no charge for a Novice test.

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173rd Monthly Phil-Mont VE Test Session Statistics for November, 1999

Thirteen (13) candidates took exams.
We had three (3) new amateurs with three upgrades.

The VE team was chaired by Dusty (ND3Q).
Members are: Jeremy (AA3SR); Bradley (KB8PPA); Jim (NS3K); Jeff (N3VE); Peter, (WB2B) and Bob (W3YLT)

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Vice-President and has come up with many great programs. For example, the KYW TOUR, APRS, PECO. He has been a Director before. When you give Charlie a task he will do whatever it takes to complete it.

My next pick for Director Al, W3STW, is one of the best choices for this job! Al stepped in a while back to take the load off of me when the Franklin Institute was threatening to throw us out. I had many irons in the fire and Al was ready, willing and obviously, more than able to take on the responsibility. He never missed a beat. The next month he was appointed station manager of W3AA which kept Steve, WU3I, free to take care of the hardware and Al to handle the business end of the station and let me move on to more of the club business and my own business. Al has also been club Secretary in the past and is now a Director. He is by far the best choice.

My final pick for Director... Gene, N3XKE who, unfortunately, due to his work schedule is not always able to attend all of the meetings. He is, however, a very hard worker. Back when I asked Gene to run for the Board, he was not sure if he could do it. Well, let me tell you now, he works very hard and has many good ideas that we have enacted in our club. He does a wondeful job and he should absolutely be re-elected to the Board.

This year our new President will have to appoint two, not just one Director since Carol, N3PVO, will be leaving the Board to become Secretary. My suggestion for those positions would be to appoint Bill, W3GQD. He brings wisdom (real Ham wisdom) to the Board. What I mean by this is that he has not only been a ham for many years he has been a long standing member of Phil-Mont and has held many offices in our club. And last, but not least, I would suggest Peter, KB3DFQ. He has not been a ham for a long time, but he would bring some new blood to the Board and a fresh point of view. Just

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AA3EP - Charles Weigand

No bio was received from this candidate.

W3GQD - Bill Chedeville

No bio was received from this candidate.

W3STW - Al Tribble

See W3AA column.

Sign of the Times

Since her father,W3IIM,retired Liesel Haring is forced to beg for her supply of dog biscuits.

Top 15 Signs That You've Had Too Much Of the 90's

15. You try to enter your password on the microwave

14. You haven't played solitaire with a real deck of cards in years.

13. You have a list of 15 phone numbers to reach your family of 3

12. You e-mail your son in his room to tell him that dinner is ready, and he e-mails you back "What's for dinner?"

11. Your daughter sells Girl Scout Cookies via her web site.

10. You chat several times a day with a stranger from South Africa, but you haven't spoken to your next door neighbor yet this year.

9. Your daughter just bought on CD, all the records your college roommate used to play that you most despised.

8. Every commercial on television has a web site address at the bottom of the screen.

7. You buy a computer and a week later it is out of date. And now sells for half the

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(i.e., attend the meetings).

As Treasurer, Mike, K2BN, is the only pick here, but let's just say a few words. Mike and his computer have taken us from Post-It notes to actually knowing where and how the club's money is spent We have invested our club's money very wisely to ensure that we will have funds in the future.

Our Secretary. Here again, Carol, N3PVO, has done this job before. Carol is a very hard worker. She makes just about all of the meetings and has done a wonderful job as Director within Phil-Mont and has contributed some very good ideas!

Finally, my picks for Directors are:

Charlie, AA3EP unless he is dead he makes every meeting and works very hard behind the scenes and has for many, many years. In the last two years, he has served as our

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Minutes

NOVEMBER DIRECTORS' MEETING

Art Weiner, N3LCV, *Secretary*

Minutes were taken by Red (W3RED), Asst. Secretary

The meeting, in Wyncote, was opened at 8PM by our President Russ (W3CH). The following were in attendance: Charlie (AA3EP), Bob (K3KUD), Steve (WU3I), Red (W3RED), Russ (W3CH), Ed (KB3IV), Dick (W3RM), Jim (W3BBB), Carol (N3PVO), Gene (N3XKE) and Al (W3STW).

The committee reports were as follows:

Treasurer - Mike (K2BN): Mike was not present for the meeting and no treasurer's report was given. Has anyone seen Mike since his return from China?

Repeater - Jim (W3BBB): Still working the bugs out of the voter system.

Budget - Bob (K3KUD): The budget committee meeting is slated for next week.

Membership - Russ (W3CH): No new applicants for this month.

Nominating Comm. - Dick (W3RM): Gave an interim report of the candidate status.

New Business - Al (W3STW): After a suggestion by Red (W3RED), Al made a motion that The Director's meeting would be held one hour prior to the General Meeting in the same building. This would mean the officers and Directors would not have to travel to distant homes or travel on two different nights. This will start with the January, 2000 meeting. Motion Passed.

Dick (W3RM) reported that our January meeting will be publicized in major amateur magazines as **Auction Fest.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM

Thanks to our hosts Ed (KB3IV) and Sharon (N3GLU) for having us on such short notice and under adverse conditions. Welcome home from the hospital, Sharon.

THE W3AA REPORT

The International Voice of The Franklin Institute Science Museum

I am happy to report that all is well with W3AA. Research performed by Charlye, K3CJ, shows that from September 1 through October 31, 1998 there were 193 W3AA radio contacts, 55 were state side. During the same time span in 1999 there were 219 W3AA radio contacts, 82 were state side. Both the W3AA operators and equipment, in the face of adversity inflicted by lightning damage to W3AA, continued to perform as expected.

A note to Operators, please make out your DX QSL cards when the new W3AA QSL cards arrive. They are currently being printed and should be at W3AA very soon.

A special recognition to Robert Roomberg for opening W3AA for the F.I.S.M. Camp-In session. I had the pleasure of making a few SSTV contacts with Robert during the November 12, 1999 Camp-In and judging by the background noise Robert was performing a worthwhile service.

The Kenwood TS570D has been returned from a repair service with the perfunctory statement "repair costs are impractical". Steve, WU3I, hasn't given up on the radio and is sending it to another repair service. The satellite antenna control box has been repaired and a check for the repair has been forwarded to Yaesu. The W3AA bulletin board computer is repaired and all that is needed is the time to reinstall. The Cushcraft R7 vertical is un- repairable. Steve has written to GAP to see if they will donate one of their HF verticals.

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Internet: http://www.fi.edu/tfi/exhibits/w3aa.html

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ests with radio vary from DX listening, public service and emergency communications, to satellite communications. I was elected to the Board of Directors in 1998 and have participated in a number of club activities including Field Day, MS150, and other committees. I am currently employed by The School District of Philadelphia working out of The Office of Environmental Management and Services. I would like to continue serving as one of your Directors. So, I am asking for your support in the up coming elections. Thank you, Gene.

W3BBB - Jim Spencer

As a founding member of this club, I've been making constructive decisions in Phil-Mont for 50 years. Most of those efforts have been successful. I have been involved with 5 communications vehicles, two repeaters, in three locations, and several off-site inputs, Paddle-rama and construction of W3AA. Since I found that my golf ball won't behave, Phil-Mont is not my whole life but I still find time for radio. If you think, as I do, that Phil-Mont is a successful, solvent, energetic radio club, then I solicit your vote for Director on December 8.

N3MT - Michael Taraborrelli

I am seeking election as a Phil-Mont Director, hoping to bring to the board the ideas, perspective and energy of a younger, but experienced, ham and club member. First licensed as a Tech in November, 1994, I upgraded to Extra Class five months later. Last spring I exchanged my original call, N3TRO, for my initials, N3MT. During the five years I've been licensed, I've been active on the HF bands, primarily on CW. Contesting, DXing, and Rag Chewing are my main operating interests. My service to the club has included participation as a W3AA volunteer operator, three years on the MS-150, and five years as a Field Day operator at the 40 meter CW position, the last two as band captain. Presently a freshman at Villanova University, I was recently awarded a Ham Radio Schorlarship from the Radio Club of America, through the Foundation for Amateur Radio Schorlarship Program. I am proud to be a ham and Phil-Mont member, and I respectfully ask for your vote so that I may serve the club as a director. Thank you.

KB3DFQ - Peter Grace

Hello Phil-Mont! My name is Peter Grace, my callsign is KB3DFQ. I am running for a position on the Board of Directors. I have only one thing to say in support of my candidacy: reductio ad absurdum. It's latin for "reduction into absurdity." I feel that if we do not carry on the upward path that has been forged these past few years, our great club will find itself reduced to absurdity. Even though I've been in the hobby for only a year, I have learned many things about how the club operates and how our hobby will benefit from positive management! If elected I hope to speak for the codeless technicians of our club who seldom have their voice heard. So please, vote for me, and let's keep the club heading in its upward trend.

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those public service events.
I accepted the nomination to run for the office of Vice-President of Phil- Mont Radio Club. I did that because it has been a good, active radio club for fifty years. If elected I will ask for support to help keep those things that have made Phil-Mont a success for all of these years. I believe the success of Phil-Mont found its roots in the teamwork, dedication and many volunteer hours of our members. I think this is expressed each day when you hear an active repeater, see the station W3AA, weekly CW Net and Sunday morning nets plus many other activities throughout the year. I thank you for reading this. Happy holidays and Happy Y2K.

Candidate for Secretary

N3PVO - Carol Sebzda

Even though I am running unopposed, allow me to introduce myself to those who may not know me. I was first licensed in May of 1993 with a Technician Class oicense and upgrased to a Tech-Plus class license. in May of 1994.

My mentor and best friend, Rick, N3DHI, has taught me well. I have been a member of Phil-Mont since November 1993. I have been an active participant in Field Day. I have been a volunteer on the MS-150 and I held the office of Secretary of Phil-Mont for 1997 and 1998. In 1999 I was elected as a Dir4ector for a two year term. I will resign my position on the board to serve as Secretary.

On a personal note I am a single parent, my daughter Jennifer is in her Senior year at Wissahickon High School. I am employed by a computer company as supervisor for the parts dept.

I look forward to serving the club as an officer in the upcoming year and hope more Phil-Mont members choos to participate, rather than just be a name on the membership list.

Candidate for Treasurer

K2BN - Mike Tannenbaum
No bio received from this candidate

Candidates for Director (vote for three)

N3XKE - Gene DiNardo

My interest in radio started over twenty -five years ago, starting with monitoring police and fire calls and of course that "other band ", 11 meters. Although I did get my Novice License back then, after taking Radio Classes at the Franklin Institute, other things in my life kept me from keeping it active. In 1996 I received my Technician class license and have upgraded to Tech Plus and General over the past few years. My inter-

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Minutes

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

Art Weiner, N3LCV, *Secretary*

Minutes taken by Red (W3RED), Asst. Secretary.

The 591st General Meeting was called to order by our president, Russ (W3CH), at 8:00 PM.

Emergency Coordinator - Gene (N3XKE): nothing to report.
Field Day - Steve (WU3I): It's next year! Let's start now.
Net Control - Ed (KB3IV): We need more help.
Programs - Charlie (AA3EP): In December we will have our annual elections and in January we will have our annual auction, now called the "AuctionFest". In March will be the MS150 Pizza Party.
Repeater - Jim (W3BBB): Jim is still working on the voter system. Just "tweaking" it.
Public Service - Charlie (AA3EP): Brian's Run will be held on December 5th, Sunday morning , at Weat Chester University. Sign up!
Sunshine - Steve (WU3I): Welcome back to Dan (K3HES).
W3AA- Al (W3STW) and Steve (WU3I): We are still working on repairing the damage caused by the lightning strike. More help is still needed to man the station. Please call if you can spare a few hours on a regular basis.
Nominating Committee - Dick (W3RM): The following are running for office:
President: Bill (W3AOK) and Ed (KB3IV)

Vice-President: Art, (N3LCV) and Len (W3LEN)
Secretary: Carol (N3PVO)
Treasurer: Mike (K2BN)
Directors: Jim (W3BBB), Charlie (AA3EP), Bill (W3GQD), Mike (N3MT), Peter (KB3DFQ), Al (W3STW) and Gene (N3XKE).

The meeting was turned over to Charlie (AA3EP) who introduced us to George King (W3PXY). George told of his adventures in Greenland and other countries.

Remember meetings are the second Wednesday of every month.

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To the PMRC members, in good standing, please know that I am a candidate for a PMRC Director and most humbly ask for your vote during the December, 1999 election. Hopefully, my credentials, for that office, may be remembered, by you, as you recall my past W3AA columns.
Thank you Al, W3STW.

NEXT YEAR'S HAMFESTS

This information is just starting to be announced, so the following list is not complete!

JAN 30 + MD Mobileers ARC - Odenton, MD
FEB 19 Harrisburg RAC - PA
MAR 12 + Keystone VHF Club - York, PA
MAR 25-26+ Baltimore ARC - Timonium, MD MD State Convention
APR 9 Two Rivers ARC - PA
APR 30 Penn-Del ARC - New Castle, DE
MAY 6 Binghamton ARA - Owego, NY
MAY 7 + Antietam RA - Hagerstown, MD
MAY 28 Maryland FM Assn - West Friendship, MD
JUN 2- 4+ Rochester Hamfest - Rochester, NY Atlantic Division Convention
JUN 4 Breezeshooters - Butler, PA
JUN 10 + Columbia-Montour ARC - Bloomsburg, PA
JUL 2 + Murgas ARC - Dallas, PA
JUL 9 North Hills ARC - Pittsburgh, PA
JUL 16 + Mid-Atlantic ARC / Valley Forge Hamfest - Kimberton, PA
AUG 13 + Jersey Shore ARS - Bayville, NJ
SEP 9 Radio Assn of Erie - Erie, PA
SEP 23 + Buffalo Hamfest - Hamburg, NY Western NY Section Convention
73, DE Kay Craigie WT3P & Bernie Fuller N3EFN

+ indicates ARRL Hamfest

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Candidates for President

KB3IV - Ed Masarsky

Hello fellow Phil-Monters. Yes, KB3IV is running for office again. This will be my nineteenth year seeking to serve our club and its members. I joined Phil-Mont in 1980, having been a ham since 1978. I was elected to the office of Treasurer for 1982 and went on to serve as President four times, Treasuer ten times, and Director four times. My uninterrupted record even surpasses W3BBB, and he's been around since —— well you know. Phil-Mont has given me many new friends over the years, who are now geat old friends, and I want to continue to serve all of you. We have a terrific slate of candidates for all of the other positions, and I urge you to come to the December meeting to help elect next year's leaders of Phil-Mont. We need everyone's support to keep Phil-Mont as the premier ham radio organization it is today, and will be for many years to come.

W3AOK - William H. Popovic

I was first licensed in 1985 as N3FVI and changed my call in 1997 to W3AOK. I joined Phil-Mont in 1986 and have been active ever since, serving as President in 1992 and 1993. I was Vice-President in 1990 and 1995. I also served as a Director for three years. I enjoy Amateur Radio activities and participate in Field Day, public service events, and as many club functions as my schedule allows. I was President during the W3AA renovation and helped secure the current repeater site.

I have always been interested in radio. I remember my dad putting a dipole on the roof so I could hear more station on their shinny black walnut Grunding console radio. I spent countless hours tuning through SW 1, 2 , and 3. I currently hold an advanced class license but hope to upgrade someday.

I look forward to your support in the coming election and plan to continue the Phil-Mont tradition of being a quality radio club.

Candidates for Vice-President

N3LCV - Arthur Weiner

No bio was received from this candidate.

W3LEN - Lenard Hughes

My name is Len Hughes and my call is W3LEN. I am married and I have four children and two grandchildren. I got my first amatuer radio license in February 1991. I enjoy Dxing and contacting hams from around the world. I am the current membership chairman for Phil- Mont and have enjoyed meeting many new members. Also, we are able to save the club about $8.00 for each new member. Thanks to Gary, N3WPE, for making our badges free of charge. I also belong to the Fists CW Club and the ARRL. Charlie, AA3EP, has recruited me to his Public Service Team and I help out with most of

See Candidate continued on page 14

IT'S ELECTION TIME

Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club, Inc. is a Pennsylvania non-profit corporation, gov erned by a board of eleven directors, four of whom serve also as officers. The four officer/directors, and one director appointed by the president-elect, serve for one-year terms. The remaining six directors are elected for two-year terms—staggered, so that three seats are up for election each year. Thus, at the election meeting on December 8th, members will cast ballots for a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and three directors.

For the first time in several years, we have two qualified candidates each for president and vice-president, and seven members running for the three open director positions. (The candidates for secretary and treasurer are unopposed.) So, with contested offices, you may well hear some "electioneering" on the repeater...which is encouraged. All of the candidates were invited to submit a personal profile to the Blurb in support of their candidacy.

On election night, prior to the balloting, each wishing to do so will be allowed 3 to 5 minutes to tell you why they deserve your vote. Look over the slate of candidates, consider their qualifications carefully, and—most importantly—VOTE.

Absentee voting: If you cannot attend the meeting to vote in person, the bylaws provide for absentee balloting. To cast an absentee ballot, simply write your choice of candidates, by name and call sign (president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and three directors) on a piece of paper, seal it in an envelope, and mark "ballot" on the outside. Enclose the ballot envelope in a mailing envelope. The outside envelope MUST have your name and call sign in the return address area, so that your membership status can be verified. Address the envelope to the judge of elections, Richard Moll, W3RM, P.O. Box 88, Abington, PA 19001-0088, and mail in time to arrive by December 8...or have it hand delivered to W3RM by 7:30 pm on election night. If time does not permit submitting your "secret" written ballot, you may register your vote by telephone. Call Dick, W3RM, at 215-659-4488 anytime before noon on December 8. (If you get an answering machine, do not leave your ballot information. Instead, leave your name, callsign and telephone number, and Dick will return your call to record your ballot.)

CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE

President: W3AOK - Bill Popovic; KB3IV - Ed Masarsky
Vice Pres.: N3LCV - Arthur Weiner; W3LEN - Lenard Hughes
Secretary: N3PVO - Caol Sebzda
Treasurer: K2BN - Mike Tannenbaum
Directors: W3BBB - Jim Spencer; KB3DFQ -Peter Grace AA3EP - Charles Weigand; W3GQD - Bill Chedeville; N3MT - Michael Taraborrelli; W3STW - Al Tribble and N3XKE - Gene DiNardi.

On the following pages are brief biographies submitted to the Blurb by the candidates.

Field Day 1999

Well the results are in and we fell down some in 5A compared to last year. However there were 90 entries compared to last years 75. We scored 6250 points for 19th place overall and #2 in EPA. We were #6 last year with 400 less points. The 5A category shot up in scoring this year with the first 7 entries breaking 10,000 points. Last year only the winner broke 10,000. We lost 100 points (still kicking myself) on the Field Day Message.

We had less operators this year. Some who had to go to work and some who had go to a wedding, never again.

It might pay to return to 6A next year. It is a stable category with 32 entries and down from 15,000 to 9,000 top scores this year.

Thanks to Russ, W3CH, for the great food for Dinner and Breakfast. We just love donations that taste good. Many thanks to all who participated and hope to see you all again next year back at Fort Washington State Park.

We still need new Band Captians (thought I was going to say net controls didn't you?) for 10 and 75/80, please dont dilly-dally.

Steve, WU3I Ω

I.R.S. to PHIL-MONT: IT'S OFFICIAL... You're (501(c)(3)

On November 17th., in response to our recent filing and application, Phil-Mont received from the Internal Revenue Service a determination letter officially rec ognizing us as a "charitable, scientific, or educational corporation" within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the I.R.S. code. As you know, this is something we have long sought. It means—among other benefits—that donors may deduct allowable contributions to Phil-Mont from their federal income tax. And, further, estate bequests, legacies and gifts to us are deductable for federal estate and gift tax purposes. (Of course, contribution deductions are allowable to donors only to the extent that their contributions are gifts, with no consideration received by the donor.)

This is long-awaited news, and arrives just in time, as we enter a new tax year...and a new millennium! (Of course, contributions received by December 31 will qualify for deduction whenever they were made in 1999!).

73,
Dick, W3RM

1999 DECEMBER 1999

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
PHILMONT MOBILE RADIO CLUB			1 DIRECTORS' MEETING at WB3KOJ	2 174th LICENSE EXAM Session at The Franklin Institute Registration finishes at 6:00 Doors close at 6:30 p.m. sharp!	3	4 first day of Chanukah
5 2M NCS WB3KOJ 10M NCS W3AA 75M NCS N3JDM	6	7 Code Practice 8PM W3RM New Moon ●	8 General Meeting at The Franklin Institute Refreshments at 7:00 p.m. Meeting starts at 7:30	9	10 First Nobel Prizes awarded, 1901	11 *Blurb* DEADLINE!
12 2M NCS WA3NSP 10M NCS W3AA 75M NCS KB3IV	13	14 Code Practice 8PM WA3NSP	15	16	17	18
19 2M NCS N3OWM 10M NCS W3AA 75M NCS W3PWG	20	21 Code Practice 8PM W3AOK	22 Full Moon ○	23 Transistor invented in 1947	24	25 Christmas
26 2M NCS W3STW 10M NCS W3AA 75M NCS W3STW	27	28 Code Practice 8PM W3RM	29	30	31	

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PHIL-MONT MOBILE RADIO CLUB

ANNUAL HAM RADIO AUCTION-FEST

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2000
7PM

The Franklin Science Museum
20th & Benjamin Franklin Parkway Phila., PA

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